

## **Southwest Region/Washington CIQA**

April 7, 2008

In attendance: Chantel Markel, Shirley Owen, Gordon Gunn, Robert Johnson, Tina Call, Suzanne Chavira, Ruth Huth, Maria Beal, Karen Hill, offices services review, Geniel Stevenson, same, terry Ogborn, wash co school district, Mary Barnes, casa, Beverly Luttrell, casa, Jane fields, community member. , Mikelle Hafen, wash co school district. Tom Kelly, Patricia Sheffield, CJC, Wyatt Jines, and Cassie Jacobs, community members. Sarah Boatwright, community member/kinship mom. Mike Carr, wash co school district. Tami Fullerton, WCYCC.

Excused: Debbie Hoffhines, Jolene Meredith.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved, except that Terry Ogborn was not listed for the last two meetings and she did attend.

Mary Barnes, CASA, shared with the group, why neglect is detrimental to children. Also adoptive families, puts out a magazine, and she shared that information, which also included a list of books that are helpful for adoptive parents and foster homes Comfort Bags were presented. A 14 yr old boy, who is working on his eagle project. He completed 30 of these. They consist of new items, and are labeled for girls or boys, includes a stuffed animal and a hygiene kit. These are for the CPS workers, who remove children. Mary Brown, with the GAL, can be called to provide these to the cps workers. These kits also have books and a blanket.

Shadows, QCR-

We are all ready for this process. There is a training to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. This process is to ensure that all the steps necessary to ensure the child's safety have been met. This will be held the 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

CPR Review-

Geniel stated that it was completed in February of this year, and the results were passed around to committee members for review.

Southwest has done an excellent job!

Kin for Kids

Has been postponed at this time. New time will be announced as soon as it becomes available.

DEC Conference

Second Annual will be held Oct 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Save the Day Shirley Owen handed out cards.

Meth and Families Conference

Free one-day conference, will be held in Cedar City, on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. More information to follow. If members are aware of any families who are struggling with their adult children and families, and they would like to share their story, please contact

Shirley Owen. Sarah Boatwright was a guest speaker, and is now in high demand all over the country to speak on this subject. Dr. Glen Hansen will be presenting again, he is an expert in the field of neurobiology.

#### TAL

Great turnout of 15-20 kids. Good activity and it went well.

#### Shelter Task Force

Homes have been saturated. Brainstorming has been taking place. Schools and churches will be explored as a possibility. The number of homes has dramatically declined and sorely needed.

#### Family Support Center

It is still in the works. Updates to follow.

#### Child abuse prevention month is April.

Handouts were given out and if you need more for your schools or organizations. One thing that can be done a day to prevent child abuse.

#### CJC Open House will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.

Ribbon cutting at 11, followed by a tour and lunch. This is a top of the line facility. This should be more comfortable setting for the children. 463 E 500 S. St George, near the old hospital. It is 5000 sq. ft. 90% of it was donated materials.

Internet safety programs will be held at the schools. Tuesday at 7 p.m., there will a one-hour presentation. The building next door to DCFS. Other schools will also have presentations held as well.

No meetings in May, Next one is in June.